SUBJECT No. 129.

Compensation to auction purchaser when sale is cancelled.

Mr. Dorasami Iyengar, Chamrajnagar taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The sale of land for revenue arrears once confirmed after due consideration should on no account be cancelled, as otherwise the auction purchaser who may have spent money for the improvement of the land will be put to great loss. In case the defaulter pays the Government dues before the confirmation of the sale, it may be cancelled and suitable compensation paid to the auction purchaser for any loss that he may have sustained.

Reply of Government.—If any amount has been spent for *bona fide* improvements, such amount is ordered to be paid when the sale is cancelled. If this has not been done in any individual case, it may be made the ground of an appeal.

SUBJECT No. 130.

Shekdars to deal with applications for house-building sites, etc.

Mr. Anjaneya Setty, Pavagada taluk.

Summary of discussion.—At present Shekdars are empowered to receive and deal with takavi *darkhasts*. It would facilitate matters a great deal if they are also empowered to deal similarly with applications for land for house-building sites, for dead trees and for levy of water rates on *nirsardi* tenure and submit the record of enquiry for orders.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 131.

Designation of Shekdars.

Messrs. N. Garudachar, Channapatna Municipality, Naraharayya, Rudrappa and Krishna Rao, Nelamangala taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The designation of Shekdars may be changed into Revenue Inspectors as in the Madras and Bombay Presidencies and their pay fixed at Rs. 25—5—30, Rs. 30—5—35 and Rs. 35—5—40 and they may be given the help of an office assistant on Rs. 10 as they have to attend at present both to the executive and clerical work.

This proposal when carried out, will induce intelligent men to join the service.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 132.

Leave to shanbhogs and patels during the period of membership of the Representatative Assembly.

Mr. M Ananthiah Chetty, Chitaldrug Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed that the patels and shanbhogs may either take leave or appoint a gumasta during the period they are members of the Representative Assembly.

Reply of Government.—Unnecessary.

SUBJECT No. 133.

Rubber cultivation.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—An assessment of Rs. 3 per acre is levied on lands used for rubber cultivation. This may be reduced to Rs. 1-8-0 per acre, so that it may be an encouragement to European and Indian planters to take up this industry.

Since this representation was sent up, orders have been passed reducing the rate of assessment to Rs. 1-8-0 per acre and for applying the rules for the grant of land for